

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle Conger, Carol Woodside, Sylvia Orton, Don Antczak, Gene Whiting,  
Joyce Wilson, Max Evans, Bev Lund, Jerri Harwell

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mike Peterson, City Councilman, Melinda Hortin

Max Evans opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. He asked the newest member to tell the committee about herself as he was not at the meeting in August. Joyce Wilson explained that she was originally from the Union area of the City and had travelled the world as a writer and reporter before coming back home to live. She went on to say that she has a deep interest in history and is happy to become a member of our committee. She has written a play about Union Fort. She is also very interested in raising funds for a museum. Her background is Fox, Boggess, and Stone. At the time of the Union Cemetery rededication in 1995, by Boyd K. Packard, Ms. Wilson was Captain of the Union DUP. Union was named in 1856, making it 160 years old. The residents overnight gathered all the necessities to rescue the stranded pioneers in Wyoming. Prior to the name Union the settlement was called Cottonwood Settlement.

Last month Gayle Conger handed out copies of the City Ordinances and had asked the committee to look them over and come tonight with suggestions of changes that should be made. The ordinances cover the Historic Committee and our responsibilities.

Don Antczak mentioned that he has had many comments from all ages of residents regarding the "Historic Marker" along the trail. They love them.

Ms. Conger explained there are two registers, one the Historic Site Register and the other the Historic Landmark Register. Those buildings that were "ES" or "EC" would be candidates for the site register and would be presented to the City Council by our committee. We would also present to the Council those properties for the Landmark Register. She went on to suggest that the two be combined and that we require documentation on everything we recommend to the City Council. She also mentioned that Coral Brochinsky had also made some recommendations. These registers are City Registers only.

Right now there are two buildings on the City Register, The Old Mill and the old teachers/principal house next to Butler School. There is no documentation on these buildings and no indication of how they were placed on the register. The City Ordinance indicates that only the Historic Committee can nominate a building for the register and when it is placed on the register the ordinance must be rewritten to include it.

Mr. Evans had questions and suggested just saying, here's the historic properties and come up with a process of how we will protect them. In looking at the City Ordinance there seems to him that the sites

and landmark are the same. If we call it the City Site Register what should we require for listing the site. Ms. Conger thought that we should use the same qualifications that the National Register does. Mr. Evans thought that would be good and wanted "owner approval" included. He also thought the list Coral Brochinsky has given us is a valuable tool. We need to have a landmarks listing and more study in making any changes.

Ms. Conger mentioned that in the August issue of the Cottonwood Heights Journal there was a terrific article on the survey our committee had done by Coral. Cassy Goff, the writer, had attended the City Council meeting when Coral had presented her study.

We will eligible for another grant in January and we need to be prepared to apply for it. Mr. Evans would like to do an intensive level survey on a small number of the homes covered in the last grant and include a survey of two of the subdivisions. Ms. Conger mentioned Virginia Hills on top of the hill and the first phase of Greenfield Village. She will check and see how many houses this would include and figure what monies will be needed.

Don Antczak motioned that we proceed with using the grant to do a intensive level survey and several of the original homes covered in our first grant and then survey Virginia Hills and the first phase of Greenfield Village. Ms. Conger seconded the motion and it was passed.

Ms. Conger met with our historian and he had several chapters written. He is preparing a map which will show the locations of events or homes. She suggested meeting with him and the book committee to go through what he has done. He has not responded.

The Open House for our new City Hall is September 29, 2016. We have been asked to have a photo display. The display has been planned and is ready to be hung. We will need help putting up the grids and hanging the photos. Sylvia Orton will find out when this can be done and email the committee the day and times involved. She is hoping the grids and most of the photos can be placed the day before so everyone can enjoy the ceremonies.

Carol reported on the October 12, 2016 gathering with the City Council. It will be held at the Union Cemetery. Ms. Conger, Ms. Orton and I have planned the program. It should be a wonderful evening. Jerri has asked Darius Gray to talk about Green Flake. Refreshments will be donuts and cocoa.

A committee of three, Gayle Conger, Max Evans and Don Antczak will be in charge of collecting and working on the next grant and report in November on their progress.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M. October meeting will be replaced by our hosting of the City Council. We will meet in November but not in December.